

OYSTER ROCKS IN THE JAMES BARREN

Distressing Condition Brought Great Fleet of Accomac Boats to Hampton Roads.

44 SHIPS GOT 17 BUSHELS

Men Who Have Tonged for 25 Years Say There Are No Oysters to Be Found.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., September 18.—The Daily Press to-day says: According to reports brought to Hampton yesterday the State oyster rocks in James River are entirely barren, and the season, so far as the men who make their living off the State rocks are concerned, will prove a dismal failure.

The reports of the distressing condition were brought here by oystermen from Saxis Island, Accomac county, who have oystered in James River during the past twenty-five years, and who declare that conditions were never so unfavorable. The returning oystermen composed a fleet of forty-four boats and more than 125 men. The men are on route back to their homes on Saxis Island, where they will have to engage in other vocations.

The oystermen declare that they spent all day Tuesday and until 10 o'clock yesterday dredging the State rocks in the James River, but the entire fleet of forty-four boats succeeded in picking up only seventeen bushels of the bivalves from the rocks. This is considered a very small showing for one boat. Realizing that the oysters are not to be had the Accomac tongers determined to return to their homes.

One of the returning men said yesterday that he has been tonging oysters from the State rocks for the past twenty-five years and this is the first season that has proven a complete failure.

It was said that the barrenness of the rocks is due to the fact that pirates operated in the river during the summer season. The Accomac men declare that they were informed by men living along the James that as many as twenty-five gasoline boats have been seen dredging the beds at night during the past summer, and that the pirates have been exceedingly active throughout the entire closed season. This is said to explain the absolute barrenness of the rocks.

It was also said that most of the tongers from York and Elizabeth City counties who went to the James River Monday night will return within a day or two, as they were convinced that the scarcity of the bivalves will be the means of great loss to them if they continue the unprofitable search of the rocks.

The news from James River will cause great sorrow throughout this section of Virginia, as hundreds of men make a good living by oystering the State beds during the first of the season.

FRIENDS TORN ASUNDER.

County Seat Removal Question Still Agitates All New Kent.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOXLEY, VA., September 18.—At a recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors of New Kent county, the body issued an order that the \$2,000 appropriation from the treasury be used at once in making repairs upon the courthouse, despite the fact that an election is to be held on November 6th, at which time the question of moving the county seat will be decided at the polls.

Friends of a lifetime have been torn asunder and families divided as the result of the agitation of this question. The election will be a warm one.

MANY BUGGIES ARE BURNED.

Destructive Fire in Warehouse of Harrisonburg Concerns.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HARRISONBURG, VA., September 18.—Fire was discovered this afternoon in the warehouse of the Golden-Line



That's Going Some But to thoroughly enjoy it, you should have one of our

Dustproof Dusters,

\$3 to \$5.

Black or Tan Leather Caps,

\$1.50 to \$3.50.

Gauntlet Grip Gloves,

\$1.00 to \$4.00.

The New Button-to-

Neck Auto O'Coats are in

Waterproofs, too—\$18 to

\$30.

Suppose you slow down

at 705 some day and take a

peep.

Jacobs & Levy

weaver Carriage Company, and, had

the wind veered southward, the Har-

risburg Milling Company's plant and

other valuable property would most

probably have been consumed. In the

warehouse were more than 100 buggies,

besides many large farm wagons.

About fifty buggies in crates were car-

ried out. The firemen were retarded in

their work by poor equipment, the hose

bursting time and time again. The

insurance was \$7,500, and the loss is

estimated at \$5,000. Origin of fire is

unknown.

LAUDANUM BY MISTAKE.

Miss Lillian Carroll, of Norfolk, Dis-

covers Error in Time.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., September 18.—Tak-

ing an overdose of laudanum by mis-

take, Miss Lillian Carroll, of No. 201

Ferguson Avenue, had a narrow escape

from accident, death, last night. The

facts in the case developing for the

first time to-day. Miss Carroll ex-

plained that she was feeling badly and

went to a closet where she kept a pre-

scription she is taking. The dose is

a tablespoonful. Taking it, she imme-

diately discovered that a mistake had

been made, and on examination found

that it was laudanum instead of the

medicine intended. Physicians were

quickly summoned and its effect coun-

tered. Miss Carroll was under the

influence of the drug for nearly four

hours.

"FRATERNAL DAY" OBSERVED.

Parade of Societies the Feature at

Winchester Yesterday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINCHESTER, VA., September 18.—

A parade of the fraternal societies

marked the observance of Fraternal

Day of "home-coming" week, and to-

night there was a grand masked car-

nyal, followed by a ball, which was

largely attended.

To-morrow Governor Stuart, of

Pennsylvania, accompanied by his

staff and a large party of Union vet-

erans, will come to Winchester and

dedicate a handsome monument to the

memory of Pennsylvania's fallen her-

oes, 800 of whom are buried here.

DANIEL TO SUFFOLK.

Senator Will Speak to Democrats in the

Senate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SUFFOLK, VA., September 18.—

Democratic Chairman R. S. Boykin to-

day had a letter from Senator John W.

Daniel, saying he would endeavor to

come here to make a political speech,

as requested some time prior to Oc-

tober 15th. Leaders think that Daniel

will arouse Democratic enthusiasm as

no other Virginian can.

GIVEN YEAR AND A DAY.

Federal Court at Lynchburg Sentences

an Embezzler.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., September 18.—

In the Federal court to-day M. C.

James, who was convicted Wednesday

of embezzlement, was sentenced to

pay back the money he had stolen

and to serve a year in prison.

thing in its way into the cut—and

rocks, bricks, tin cans, fish, terrapins

and what not. Yesterday a pronged

hoe and handle was driven through

the cut.

T. Pannill's Sons yesterday sold at

auction for John D. Watkins, trustee,

two lots on the north side of West

Washington Street, Dr. L. T. Fuqua

purchased one for \$11.15, and John O.

Barham the other for \$2.05.

Death of Mrs. Butler.

Mrs. Dena Butler, wife of L. B.

Butler, died at her residence in Ettrick

last night, after a brief illness. Mrs.

Butler was the daughter of the late W.

D. Lafoon, of Lunenburg county. She

is survived by her husband and four

children.

Albert Sykes, an aged colored man,

was painfully hurt this afternoon while

at work at the City Jail. He was

working in the yard at the time, when

a piece of brick, which fell from the

wall about thirty feet above, struck

him on the head, inflicting an ugly

scalp wound, but not fracturing the

skull.

Catherine, a little three-year-old

daughter of Police Officer Belcher, fell

from the porch of the residence, on

Grove Avenue, yesterday afternoon,

and, striking the gravel sidewalk, was

knocked unconscious. She is bet-

ter to-day.

In the Hustings Court to-day Mrs.

Mattie Vaughan qualified as adminis-

tratrix of the estate of her late hus-

band, Thomas W. Vaughan.

Mr. Charles R. Walsh, who, as rep-

resentative from Petersburg, attended

the National Aerie of Eagles at Seattle,

has returned home. He was away

traveling in the far West for five

weeks.

The big channel cut across Second

Street and the Coast Line yard by the

recent flood is being rapidly filled by

mud and sand pumped into it from

the river by the hydraulic dredge. It is

believed the cut will be filled in a

week. Nearly all of the water has been

pushed out. The dredge forces every-

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